

KEEPING PACE WITH SPORTING EVENTS

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HERZOG RETURNS WITHOUT TALKING TO GIANTS' OWNER

New York, Sept. 20.—Charley Herzog, captain of the New York Giants, left for his home in Ridgely, Md., at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon without seeing Harry N. Hempstead, president of the New York Baseball club.

Dr. Henry Müller of 841 West 57th street, one of the foremost specialists in the country, under whose care Herzog has been, examined the player again yesterday morning and gave him some encouragement as to his condition. The doctor would not promise, however, that Herzog would get into the World's Series.

"With the permission of his patient, Dr. Müller later consented to discuss the case briefly.

"Mr. Herzog came to me shortly after his accident," he said. "I found that he had a temperature, a quick heart action, and that he was suffering from shock and slight internal injuries. Later examinations proved this diagnosis to be correct.

"I told him that he required rest, and advised him to lie on his back as much as possible, and take no violent physical exercise. I am afraid that he did not follow these directions. Later the trouble became aggravated.

"I again told Mr. Herzog that it was absolutely necessary he should rest and that his only exercise should be short walks. Today I found him improved after his rest at home, but he still must rest and recuperate. If he obeys my directions there is no reason why he should not recover fully and be even stronger than before.

"If, however, he does not take 'care of himself' now it might be that he would aggravate his trouble to such an extent that it would become serious and last for years.

"He has gained two pounds, and it may be that he will recuperate rapidly in the next two weeks. I should not be surprised to see him gain five or six additional pounds in that time. I fully understand that he is eager to play in the baseball games which are coming, and I sincerely hope that he may be in condition to do so, but I would not promise that such would be the case.

"Under ordinary circumstances I should wish him to have four weeks more of rest. I shall make another examination of Mr. Herzog in the future and will then advise him as to whether he can play without danger to his health.

Herzog yesterday was more optimistic in regard to his condition. He said that he felt a little better and that he hoped that in a couple more weeks he would be well enough to regain the team.

"Although the captain of the Giants did not see Mr. Hempstead while he was here, he did not call on John K. Tener, president of the National League. Gov. Tener left last night to attend a meeting of the National Commission in Cincinnati. Mr. Hempstead went to Cincinnati to join the other club presidents who will attend the draft meeting and go over the arrangements for the coming World's Series.

Tener and Hempstead both asserted that there never had been any intention of departing from the usual custom of deciding by the toss of a coin the city where the series would open.

"To be well, we'll toss a coin," said Gov. Tener, "and I surely hope the National League will be lucky enough to win the toss."

WORLD'S SERIES IS TO START OCT. 6

Cincinnati, Sept. 20.—The draft meeting of the National Baseball Commission and the National and American leagues opened here today with baseball men present from many parts of the country. From indications early today it appeared that the majority of the clubs would be represented at the meeting. In addition to transacting business connected with the draft, the commission will adopt a schedule for the World's Series and also for inter-league games between Cleveland and Cincinnati.

Semi-officially, it was indicated that the World's Series probably will start on Oct. 6. The city where the opening game will be played will be decided by the toss of a coin.

When the commission went into session it appeared probable that not as many players would be drafted at this meeting as in past years because of the war. The commission has already announced that the draft of the major league clubs would be postponed until the players report to the training club.

BAKER DECLARES HE'S THROUGH NOW

New York, Sept. 20.—J. Franklin Baker, leading batsman of the New York American league club for the last two seasons, announced today that he had retired from organized baseball. He appeared at the Polo Grounds on Tuesday prepared to play, but was told that his suspension will remain in effect until the end of the season. He has taken this as the club's final answer and is preparing to leave for his home at Trappe, Md. Baker's contract, which calls for close to \$10,000, has another year to run.

John ("Dots") Miller, captain of the St. Louis Nationals, has been drafted and although married, has filed no claim for exemption, it was announced today.

FLORAL BOUQUETS AND DESIGNS. JOHN RECK & SON.

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SISLEA TELLS SECRETS OF HIS SUCCESS WITH STICK



Sisley is easily the batting sensation of the year. We are used to Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker but when a young fellow on the Browns starts to burning up the circuit we all sit up and take notice. In the October Baseball Magazine the star first sacker makes a few sage comments as follows:

"Perhaps I am hitting just at present beyond my normal stride but I hope not. I have always wanted to be a true three hundred hitter. I have even indulged in the hope that I might become a three fifty hitter. No doubt all batters who are a little new at the game, and who are lucky enough to get away to a good start have similar ambitions and perhaps my own will fade away when the pace gets hotter. But I repeat, I hope not.

"At that, my record so far, hasn't been unalloyed good luck. Early in the season I was going a good deal better, I suppose, than I have any right to expect when I sprained my thumb. At the time, as I remember it, I was leading the league. Cobb hadn't got started yet and Speaker, while traveling at a fast clip, was experiencing a little hard luck. Perhaps that sprained thumb was only a good alibi for of course I might have slumped anyway. But for all that the thumb in itself kept me from hitting much above a hundred for a good long while.

"I was out of the game only two days on account of the sprain, but perhaps I would have been just as well off if I had stayed a little longer. I got back into the harness because the club needed me and because of a sprained thumb. But for all that the thumb bothered me. I couldn't grip the bat at all well with that particular hand and I was also handicapped in fielding.

"Now, of course, my hands are in as good shape as anybody's. I merely mention my own small accident to show how minor things may mar a batting average. Very likely more than one batting championship has been determined by just such small details which were generally forgotten by the public long before the season came to a close, and made not the slightest appearance in the records. In fact batting is a rather odd thing at best and the part luck plays in a successful record is a big and ever varying quantity. And not the least evidence of luck is just such secondary injuries as I speak of, which prevent a man from doing his best work but at the same time don't loom up as important enough to cut much dash in the popular imagination.

One thing which has influenced my ball playing perhaps more than any other, is the fact that I am left handed. Now I am not a port side in other ways. I write with my right hand and do most other things in the same way as a normal human being. But in baseball I am a true left hander. I throw left handed, bat left handed, in fact depend mainly on my left hand.

"I grew into the habit when I first began to play baseball which was pretty early. Now of course it would be impossible for me to change. At first, I never gave the matter much thought. It didn't seem to me of any great importance which hand I used most, so long as I used it to advantage. But a moment's thought will show that such was not the case.

"As a pitcher, true enough, it didn't make any difference whether I was a left hander or not. The preference is given to right handers on the mound as elsewhere, but there is always room on any club for a south paw who can win games.

"When I began to play baseball in a small way, I was a pitcher. I entered the majors as a pitcher and have turned a few games with the Browns, but so long as I used it to advantage. But the management early decided they could use me to better advantage

in a regular line up and then the fact that I was left handed settled my position for me beyond all argument. Of course I do not know that I could have been a successful short stop or second baseman even if I had been a right hander. But the fact that I was not, prevented me from even trying to fill any other position save first base. That is the penalty that the left handed infielder pays for his physical deviation from the normal. Three out of four positions available are immediately shut off from his reach.

"I felt this handicap when I began to play regular baseball, but at the same time I noted that there were compensations. There usually are. If my port side kept me from trying for three out of four infield positions it made me all the better first baseman. For at the initial sack I consider that the left hander has a slight, but decisive advantage over his right handed brother. Throwing as he does from the offside of his body, he can get a quicker throw to second, or third and just as quick a delivery to home plate. This advantage, slight to be sure, is nevertheless valuable and should give the left hander a visible percentage in making double plays.

"The advantage of batting left handed is generally recognized. Most of the great hitters have schooled themselves to bat from the near side of the plate though they are left handed in no other respect. Obviously from this side the runner has a shorter distance to cover in reaching first base and the difference, some three or four feet is frequently enough to determine whether a batted ball shall be a safety or an out. Again, the left handed batter swings normally into his stride and should be in a position to make a quicker get away to first than as though he batted from the opposite edge of the platter."

Joe Goss Once Held American Title Though He Was Englishman

Joe Goss defeated Jack Rooke in sixty-four rounds at New York, England, on Sept. 20, 1859, just five years ago today. This was the first time Goss fought. He afterward came to America and battled his way to the heavyweight championship. Joe was twenty-one when he fought the memorable battle at Birmingham. Before coming to these shores he fought three contests with Jim Mace, one ending in a draw, while the other two were victories for him.

Goss was thirty-six years old when he annexed the American title by whipping Tom Allen in Kentucky, and he was in his 43d year when he lost the championship to Faddy Ryan in an 87-round contest at Collier Station, W. Va. Goss' ring career extended over twenty years, and he was at his best when he was about 40 years old. Joe did not live long after retiring from the ring, as he died in 1885, in his 47th year. With the exception of Bob Fitzsimmons, Goss was the last native of England to hold the American heavyweight title.

No Interscholastic Soccer League Now

At a meeting held in the Board of Education rooms last night it was definitely decided that there would be no interscholastic soccer league. Joe Booth, state Soccer Organizer, said that the matter had been left to him and that if he formed such a league it would injure the Junior league. It is thought that the High school team will enter the Junior league composed of the Celtic, Swedes, Remington, and the High school teams.

UP AND DOWN SPORT STREET

GLEES HERE OCT. 21.

The Washington Glee club football eleven of New Haven will play the American Chain Co. team at Newfield park, Oct. 21, according to an announcement made today by Manager Kearney of the Chain eleven. He had a conference with Manager Corden of the Glee today and details were arranged. The Chain players will practice tonight at Newfield park at 7:30. All local boys wishing a tryout are urged to report and also any out of town players who were with the team last year.

PRESENT FOR CARTER.

Nick Carter, who has played with various industrial league and semi-professional baseball teams in this city and once had a trial with the Bridgeport club, was one of the guests of honor at a chicken supper given last night at the home of J. J. Burns in the South End. Carter and Henry A. Keating left this morning in the draft contingent bound for Ayer, Mass., and their friends wished to give them a good send off. Carter and Keating were each presented with a purse of \$50.

SINGERS IN HARTFORD.

The final game in the series between the Singers of the Industrial league and the S. K. F. team of Hartford for the state championship, will be played in Hartford Saturday afternoon. Champion will pitch for the Singers and Leonard for the S. K. F. boys. Each team has won one game so far.

Aren't there any baseball fans in Chicago's police force? They arrested a man and had him examined for insanity because he was shouting on the streets that the Giants would beat the White Sox in the world's series. Later details show that the man was dressed in a blue and white suit, a red shirt, cream colored hat and suede shoes. So they didn't need to examine him to prove he was a nut.

Someone writes that Ed Walsh, the handsomest pitcher in baseball, is having a tough time coming back with the Braves, because the batters are not up there to flirt.

Manager Danny Murphy of the New Haven Eastern league champions, predicts that the White Sox will win the world's series.

Some New York writers say the fans in the metropolis will raise a howl if the world's series prices are higher at the Polo Grounds than in Chicago. President Johnson of the American league has announced that prices at the White Sox park will be no more than double the regular season rates, which means that there will be no charging of \$5 for a seat in the stand. The rates for the series will be fixed at a meeting of the National Commission in Cincinnati today.

Benny Leonard is not making such a wonderful sacrifice in agreeing to waive the color line. He knows there is nobody in the present crop of negro lightweights that he cannot beat with one hand in a sling.

Joe Rodriguez, the Cuban first baseman with New London in 1916, relieved Holke of the Glee for the series win in yesterday's game in Chicago. He drew a pass in his only time at bat.

VETERAN WALDO OF BROOKLAWN IS APAWAMIS VICTOR

New York, Sept. 20.—When a man cuts eight strokes off his first day's score he has just reason for feeling pleased and that probably explains C. G. Waldo's lack of contentment at the end of the first half of the senior's golf tournament at the Apawamis club yesterday. The Brooklawn veteran, who has passed the three score milestone, made the best gross round of the day with a 84, won the prize for the second year in succession. Last fall, however, he won the chief trophy.

Indianapolis to Play Series With Toronto

Chicago, Sept. 20.—The Indianapolis club won the pennant of the American association with a good margin over St. Paul and Louisville, which were tied for second place when the association season came to an end yesterday.

Arrangements for a post-season series between Indianapolis and the Toronto club, winners of the International pennant, were announced yesterday. The first game will be played in Toronto Tuesday, Sept. 25.

Joe Welling, Dundee And Charlie White On Card In N. Y. Tonight

New York, Sept. 20.—Joe Welling, Charlie White and Johnny Dundee, the three leading contenders for the lightweight crown, will appear in ten-round bouts at the St. Nicholas rink tonight. Welling, who is making his last stand before donning the blue of the Naval Militia, will mingle with Jimmy Duffy. Dundee is matched with Joe Mooney.

The clash between Charlie White and Johnny Tillman promises plenty of fireworks. Two weeks ago Tillman shaded White in a six-round bout in Philadelphia.

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ADVERTISE IN THE FARMER

GIANTS AND WHITE SOX TO MAKE JOURNEY TO FRANCE

Plan to Show World's Series Teams to Soldiers Abroad Meets With Approval of Players.

Chicago, Sept. 20.—Following an agreement yesterday between Charles Comiskey, owner of the White Sox, and John McGraw, manager of the Giants, the big troop encampments in the East and West, they took up the proposal to keep the teams intact for a trip to France for a series of games in aid of American soldiers, provided the Sox and Giants win their respective pennants.

Both McGraw and Comiskey are eager for the trip to France. Comiskey figures it would cost him \$7,000 to send the White Sox over, but he is willing to do this much for the soldiers. McGraw would not close the agreement, which must have the official sanction of Harry Hempstead, but the feeling was that McGraw and Hempstead will agree. The players of both teams are enthusiastic over the matter, and are willing to make considerable sacrifice to put it through.

Concerning the exhibition game to be played before the troops in cantonments if the series should end in the East, the game will be played either at Plattsburg, N. Y., or Yaphank, L. I. If the series closes in the West the game will be staged at Rockford, where more than 40,000 soldiers will be in camp by that time, the great majority of whom are rapid baseball fans.

If the journey to France is finally decided upon probably only one exhibition game will be played in the United States, depending upon where the championship title fight closes. The world series will put down a big lot of money for owners, managers and players, and they are all strong for the trip to France.

YANKS' RECRUITS GET ONE RAP IN CLEVELAND GAME

New York, Sept. 20.—Choosing the game in which Stanley Coveleskie was the opposing pitcher to present new material had one thing to recommend it. The recruits thus introduced won't be put to any severer test. Everything will be softer from now on. The Cleveland shut out the Yankees, 2 to 0, at the Polo Ground yesterday, and Coveleskie held out beaten boys to one hit.

Fewster, second baseman; Lamar, center fielder; and Camp, right fielder, the new men who went through the game, hit as well as the most veteran of veterans and the most eagle-eyed of batters on the Yankee side except Fritz Malsb, to whom fell the high honor of making the New York hit. Six innings were flung back into the irreclaimable past before the one hit was forthcoming to impose its aggravating but unassailable barrier between Coveleskie and a no hit game.

Before the regular game a team of Donovan's recruits played a six inning contest with the Yankee regulars. The recruits won 5 to 3, and it was an entertainment of little interest. Interclub games are all right in the spring, when the season is fresh and young men want to get in shape, but a player would be more than human who could arouse any enthusiasm toward them now. All this one did was to bring out nothing of consequence regarding the new men, and perhaps to make the regular Yankees a little more dispirited for the game with the Clevelanders.

The recruit team array in the practice game was as follows: Shay, third base; Ward, shortstop; Lamar, left field; Vick, right field; Camp, center field; De Noville, first base; Fewster, second base; DeWolf, catcher; Ross, pitcher. Bob McGraw, last spring Yankee, who has been kindergartening with Newark all summer, and Ruel, the new catcher, were the battery for the regulars.

Shay is a semi-pro from Boston; Ward comes from the South Atlantic league; Lamar from Baltimore; Vick from Memphis, Camp from the South Atlantic; De Noville from New London; Fewster from Baltimore; DeWolf confesses to being a product of Middlebury, Vt., and Ross is another spring Yankee who summered in Newark, an incident in his career he owns up to when subjected to the third degree.

The Freshman have organized a basketball team to be known as the Freshman Junior team. They expect to play most of their games at the Y. M. C. A. and are mostly of serious images, forward passing, and tackling. Ralph Hunt, who captained the team in 1910 and who was later one of the crack backs on the El Paso Military Academy's team, was down to practice the other day and complimented the team on its good work. The first game will be played one week from Saturday at Newfield park with Ansonia as the opponent. It is expected the following will be in the lineup: Ray Porter, Paul McElroy, John Hogan, Sumner Smith, Meyer Lipscher, Frank Murray, Ben Lee, Walter Keating, George Essau, John Reuther, George Miller and Clinton Hawes.

The Junior Commercial boys have decided to form a football team and challenge the other class teams of the school. It is expected Harry Keating will be elected manager and James Burns is in the running for captain. They will have a meeting Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The following are requested to report: Maynard, Rickel, Bender, Davis, Tiebalt, Segal, Keating, Burns, Damschur and all others wishing a tryout.

MERKLE HAS BEEN 10 YEARS IN GAME

Fred Merkle, the star first sacker of the Chicago Cubs, formerly of the New York Giants, will celebrate tomorrow the tenth anniversary of his National League debut. There are memories of his early career and career stored up in the brain of Merkle. He had had many hard experiences, the kind that usually make or break a man, and to his credit it is said that he never let a defeat or a loss get down him. Merkle played his first game in the big show on Sept. 21, 1907. A little over a year later, the Giants and the Cubs were tied for the pennant, and an extra game was played on the Polo Grounds in New York to decide the issue. Merkle pulled the famous stunt that made his name synonymous with "bonehead."

In falling to touch second base he cost his team the championship, and a big wad of world's series coin.

Plays, press, pulpit and public called down curses and abominations upon his head — said head, in the opinion of many prominent physicians present at the obsequies being of dense and solid material, probably from the early tar and feather and boiling in oil were among the punishments suggested by the enraged fans, but all were discarded as being totally inadequate for such a crime. There was a general consensus of opinion, lay and professional, that Merkle should immediately be canned.

Manager McGraw didn't agree with the mob, and refused to sacrifice Merkle to make a Gotham holiday. And so it happened that Fred Merkle stayed on with the Giants, lived down his title of "champion bonehead," and turned out to be one of the best players on the entire team. Playing with the Chicago Cubs, as he is now, he can be counted upon to be an interested follower of the World's Series games which will be played this year by his old teammates and if you observe a darkening of his countenance, you will know what he is thinking of.

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ST. MARY'S TO HAVE FAST FOOTBALL TEAM

The St. Mary football team has re-organized and are willing to play any team in their class in the city. No team is in the running for captain are Friedman, Kelly, Rowe, McGowan, Cliney, Simko, Kieley, Connelly, Schondorf, Copley, Grogan, Holden, Keating, Pratt, Cavanaugh, Rigney, Arnold, Monahan. All others wishing a tryout report at the Yellow Mill playground tomorrow night.

FLORAL BOUQUETS AND DESIGNS. JOHN RECK & SON.

POOR DECISION IS COSTLY TO GIANTS IN CUBS' CONTEST

Chicago, Sept. 20.—In the fifth inning of yesterday's game between the Giants and Cubs, with Burns on third and Kauff on second, Zimmerman hit a wicked line drive to left. The ball knocked up the whitewash on the foul line and left a mark that was evidence the ball was fair. Umpire O'Day, however, failed to surmise correctly where the ball landed and called "foul." Burns and Kauff had crossed the plate and were walking to their bench. There was one out at the time, and Zim, on his second turn at bat, struck out. Fletcher also was retired.

The visitors outbatted and outfielded their opponents but failed to bunch their eight safes. The Cubs won out, 4 to 3. Sallee was knocked out of the box in the third-inning. Anderson, who finished, pitched splendid ball.

The Cubs started off on Sallee rather victoriously. Flack shot a hot single past Zimmerman and Kilduff sacrificed bunt put him on second. Zeider's liner to right for one bag sent Flack home.

Great running catches were made by Flack and Schlick off Rariden and McCarty in the Giants' fourth. McCarty batted in place of Sallee. Anderson replaced Sallee in the Cubs' fourth and stopped the home players. He fanned Pechous and Vaughn.

QUIMET TO PLAY GOLF ON DAY HE JOINS THE ARMY

Boston, Sept. 20.—One more opportunity to see Francis Quimet in a war fund golf match before he goes on Uncle Sam's uniform is to be provided at the Belmont Spring Country club next Sunday. On that day, the same day on which he has been notified to report at the Army Encampment, he will play 36 hole match against M. J. Brady of Oakley for the benefit of the Marine Expeditionary Force to France.

Quimet must hurry to Ayer by automobile to get his place that night in the company of others called that day by draft. In their home and home match at Oakley and Woodland respectively, Bray and Quimet ended on even terms.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Results of Yesterday's Games. Chicago 4, New York 2. Pittsburgh 2, Boston 1 (first). Boston 6, Pittsburgh 4 (second). Brooklyn-St. Louis game was postponed on account of rain, other teams not scheduled.

RIGID PHYSICAL TEST FOR ALL PLAYERS ON B. H. S. FOOTBALL SQUAD

Mr. Hedges, coach of the Varsity football team, has announced that some time next week all the fellows who are eligible for the Varsity team will have to undergo a rigid physical examination before they will be allowed to play. This rule is made because of the death of George Cuneo, who died last year at the track meet held at Seaside park. Cuneo after having made a broad jump sat down on the grass beside one of his companions and fell back unconscious. He died about half an hour later.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Standing of the Clubs.

Club	Won	Lost	P.C.
New York	81	50	.645
Philadelphia	77	69	.562
St. Louis	78	66	.542
Cincinnati	78	71	.507
Chicago	72	72	.500
Brooklyn	68	75	.483
Boston	63	76	.452
Pittsburgh	47	86	.329

Games Scheduled For Today.

Cleveland in New York.
Detroit in Boston.
Chicago in Philadelphia.
St. Louis in Washington.

American Association

Results of Yesterday's Games. At Toledo (first)—R. H. E. Minneapolis 10 17 5. Toledo 7 10 2. Batteries—Thomas and Owens; Schulz and Alexander.

Second game—R. H. E. Minneapolis 4 12 3. Toledo 6 10 4. Batteries—Boardman and Bachant; Brady and Alexander.

At Columbus—R. H. E. St. Paul 8 13 3. Columbus 8 16 3. Batteries—Griner, Williams and Kelly; Knetzer and Hoffman, Coleman.

At Louisville—R. H. E. Kansas City 4 12 0. Louisville 2 5 7. Batteries—Smith and Hargrave; Davis, Strouff and Koehler.

At Indianapolis—R. H. E. Milwaukee 11 10 0. Indianapolis 4 10 3. Batteries—North and Murphy; Voyles, Dale and Schang.

ROVER BASKETBALL TEAM TO GET READY

The Rover basketball team will hold its first practice tomorrow night at the Boys' club. The following players please take notice and report: Blade, Lovely, Myers, Silver, Cavanaugh, Copley, Malone, O'Rourke, Greenstein and Pokras. All others wishing a tryout will report for practice also. They expect to cop the championship this year.